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SUBJECT: FAROUK QADDUMI ATTACKS EGYPTIAN AND US POLICIES

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1. PLO DELEGATION COMPOSED OF FAROUK QADDUMI, DIRECTOR OF PLO POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, KHALID FAHUM, CHAIRMAN OF PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCEL, AND BASIL 'AQEL, DESCRIBED AS ARAFAT'S POLITICAL ADVISOR, WOUND UP THREE DAY VISIT TO KUWAIT DEC. 20. DURING PLO VISIT, KUNG HUSSEIN ALSO STOPPED OVER (DEC. 19) TO SPEAK TO KUWAITI LEADERS. PLO DELEGATION REPORTEDLY IS CONTINUING ON TO QATAR, THE UAE AND BAHRAIN ON A MISSION DESIGNED TO EXPLAIN THE PLO POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

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2. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE DEC. 20, QADDUMI  
REPORTEDLY MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A. SADAT AND PLO. PLO "REJECTS AND CONDEMNS" SADAT VISIT TO ISRAEL. REGARDING THE SEVERANCE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND PLO, THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE IS A BROTHER PEOPLE AND THE EGYPTIAN ARMY IS A BROTHER ARMY.

OUR DISPUTE IS WITH THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AND WITH PRESIDENT SADAT HIMSELF. HIS POLICY HAS LED TO THE PRESENT ASTRANGEMENT." RESPONDING TO A NEWSMAN'S QUESTION ABOUT ALLEGATIONS THAT ARAFAT HAD GIVEN PRIOR APPROVAL FOR SADAT'S TRIP TO ISRAEL, QADDUMI REFERRED TO A "PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ARMY PUBLICATION" WHICH HAD SO ALLEGED, AND HE DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH APPROVAL. (COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT THE PLA "PUBLICATION" IN QUESTION WAS THE PLA WALL POSTER, DESCRIBED REFTTEL, LINKING AND DENIGRATING ARAFAT AND SADAT.)

B. PLO-JORDAN. REMARKING ON THE CONCURRENT VISITS TO KUWAIT BY THE PLO DELEGATION AND KING HUSSEIN, QADDUMI DENIED THAT THEY WERE IN ANY WAY RELATED, AND SAID THAT PLO-JORDANIAN RECONCILIATION WAS DEPENDENT ON THE 'JORDANIAN REGIME' CHANGING ITS POSITION.

C. PLO AND ALLIES DEMARCHE. QADDUMI SAID THAT OTHER PLO DELEGATIONS ARE PROCEEDING TO IRAQ AND TO NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES ON EXPLANATORY MISSIONS SIMILAR TO HIS OWN CURRENT TOUR. HE ALLEGED THAT HEADS OF "NATIONALIST COUNTRIES" (PRESUMABLY TRIPOLI-CONFEREES) WOULD GO TO IRAQ TO BUILD A PAN-ARAB FRONT. HE ALSO ADDED THAT JOINT DELEGATIONS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF TRIPOLI-CONFEREE COUNTRIES WOULD, IN ADDITION, VISIT "AFRICAN, ASIAN AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" EXPLANATORY ON UNCLASSIFIED

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D. US POLICY. QADDUMI CHARGED THAT CURRENT US MIDDLE EAST POLICY IS BRINGING CONFLICT CLOSER, INCREASING TENSION, AND HAS INTENTIONALLY ISOLATED EGYPT FROM THE CONFRONTATION STATES "TO A CERTAIN EXTENT." BY STANDING IN THE WAY OF A UN RESOLUTION GUARANTEEING PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, ASSERTED QADDUMI, THE USG IS "THE ONLY COUNTRY THAT STANDS AGAINST THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE." MAESTRONE

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